

**S t a t e m e n t**

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Distinguished Delegates,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is an honour and a privilege for me to address the second part of the Sixth Session of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on behalf of the member countries of CG11, Cyprus, Malta and Ukraine.

The global community has more scientific evidence that the climate is changing because of human activities, and that anthropogenic interference with the climate system is a very perilous matter. It is a fact that concentrations of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere are increasing. The Third Assessment Report, issued by the IPCC recently, is very clear on that issue. Since the majority of the projected changes are harmful to humanity, it is necessary, that we mitigate them. The primary way to do that is by greenhouse gas emission reductions.

The world community agreed in 1997 in Kyoto, that the **time has come to take action**. The industrialised countries committed themselves to take the lead in this endeavour. First step is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 5.2% in the first commitment period. It was a historic decision; nevertheless, it is not enough to stop the climate change. But we have to start with something. We understand the Kyoto process as only the beginning; next commitment periods must follow to achieve safe greenhouse gas concentration levels in the atmosphere in a few decades. We have to look at the Kyoto Protocol as the start of a process for achieving the ultimate objective of the Convention. This is also why this process has to be inclusive and to meet the concerns of all Parties. These all are the major reasons why member countries of **CG11 fully support the Kyoto Protocol** and why they should like to become Parties to the Protocol.

In order to engage the ratification process successfully, **our Parliaments will ask for an assessment of the consequences of implementation** of all Protocol obligations. Thus we need to adopt relevant decisions on compliance, mechanisms and sinks. The substance of these decisions will directly influence the cost of meeting the obligations. We are flexible to some degree as to the contents of these decisions, as long as they do not undermine the purpose and environmental integrity of the Protocol and **do not impose any new commitments on Parties**. In this respect the President's proposal, concerning financial obligations for Parties included in Annex I and not included in the Annex II is **completely unacceptable** for our group of countries. That newly proposed additional financial obligations have no justification either in the Convention or in the Protocol.

Our group fully supports the Kyoto mechanisms and expresses its willingness to effectively co-operate with other Parties on their implementation. To assure their immediate application, it is essential to adopt decisions on all three mechanisms together. We attach particular importance to joint implementation and emission trading. The procedures of those two mechanisms as well as CDM should not impose additional burden on Parties, because their purpose is **to assist Parties in fulfilment of their obligations**. This is why we find proposals concerning introduction of a levy on JI and emission trading **unacceptable**. Mechanisms will not work properly without effective and sufficiently strong compliance system.

Our countries have already undertaken significant political and economic measures to meet targets under the Convention and the Kyoto Protocol. However, their further implementation will require important cooperation in the area of capacity building, mainly in the implementation of the commitments under Articles 5, 7 and 8 of the Protocol as well as in the area of transfer of environmentally sound technologies under Article 4.5 of the Convention.

Mr President, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

We appeal on other Parties to the Convention to be flexible. We understand that some Parties may have serious problems in meeting their commitments under the Kyoto Protocol. We are **ready to work out a reasonable compromise in the spirit of the environmental integrity of the Protocol**, which will suit all Parties and enable the Protocol to enter into force as soon as possible.

Thank you.